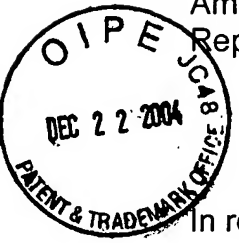


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 9/22/04**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please re-examine  
and reconsider the above-identified application according to the amendments and  
remarks provided.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.